

In The Claims

Please amend Claims 115 and 129 as follows:

Please cancel Claim 123 as follows:

Claims 1-114 (cancelled)

Claim 115. (currently amended) A method of publishing a product document on the Global Information Network, comprising the steps of:

receiving said product document;

~~digitally notarizing said product document to create a document notarization record, where said document notarization record includes a publication date/time stamp; and,~~

posting, on a date of first publication of said product document, said received, notarized product document on a web site publicly accessible via said Global Information Network[[]];
and,

digitally notarizing said product document to create a document notarization record, where said document notarization record includes a publication date/time stamp.

Claim 116. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 further comprising the step of parsing said received product document into a bibliographic data file, a primary text document file, and an attachment file.

Claim 117. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 further comprising the step of creating a searchable document file related to said product document.

Claim 118. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 117 further comprising the step of saving said searchable document file in a database.

Claim 119. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 116 further comprising the step of creating a display document file from said primary text document file, where said display document file is suitable for posting on said web site.

Claim 120. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 119 further comprising the step of creating a searchable document file from said display document file.

Claim 121. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 further comprising the step of counting how many times said posted product document is accessed via said Global Information Network.

Claim 122. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 wherein said document notarization record includes a digital fingerprint of said received product document, where said digital fingerprint uniquely identifies said product document.

Claim 123. (cancelled)

Claim 124. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 further comprising the step of sending a reminder notice regarding a one-year anniversary date for said date of first publication.

Claim 125. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 wherein said step of digitally notarizing said received product document is done remotely from said web site where said posting said received, notarized product document is done.

Claim 126. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 wherein a plurality of published product documents are operatively arranged to be searchable via said Global Information Network.

Claim 127. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 wherein said product document or portions thereof are composed in a language selected from the group consisting of SGML, XML, and HTML.

Claim 128. (previously presented) The method of publishing a product document recited in Claim 115 further comprising the step of publishing a product document for a commercially available product.

Claim 129. (currently amended) An apparatus for publishing a product document on the Global Information Network, comprising:

means for receiving said product document;

means for posting, on a date and time of day, said received product document on a web site publicly accessible via said Global Information Network; and,

means for digitally notarizing said received product document to create a document notarization record, where said document notarization record includes said date and said time of day, a publication date/time stamp; and,

~~means for posting said received, notarized product document on a web site publicly accessible via said Global Information Network.~~

Claim 130. (previously presented) The apparatus for publishing a product document recited in Claim 129 wherein said means for receiving said product document comprises a web server.

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Claim 131. (previously presented) The apparatus for publishing a product document recited in Claim 129 wherein said means for digitally notarizing said received product document comprises a notary web server.

Claim 132. (previously presented) The apparatus for publishing a product document recited in Claim 129 wherein said means for posting said received, notarized product document comprises a general purpose computer specially programmed to be accessible via said Global Information Network.

Claim 133. (previously presented) The apparatus for publishing a product document recited in Claim 129 further comprising a means for receiving a product document for a commercially available product.